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For: SLURRY FOR CHEMICAL )  
MECHANICAL POLISHING FOR )  
COPPER AND METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
USING THE SLURRY )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced divisional application.

The listed documents were previously submitted in an IDS or cited by the Examiner in a prior application, Application No. 10/303,855, filing date November 26, 2002, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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